

Swilland and Winesham grouped Parish Council
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Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 26th November 2007 at
Winesham Baptist Chapel.

Present: Mr.Rush (chair), Mr.P Laughlin, Mr.D Noble.
Also present Mr and Mrs Todd, Mr.Kelway and Mr.Jepson.

1. Apologies received from Mr.Lightfoot, Mrs.Reynolds and Mrs.Shaw.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Decisions received: CO7/1086 The Laurels, Clopton Road, Swilland IP6 9LU. Erection of two-storey side extension.
Permission given : 19.11.07
4. Applications:
CO7/2037 Laurel House, Upper St., Winesham
Erection of 3 detached dwellings (existing to be demolished).
Letters have been sent by Mrs.Sherrod who lives in Coopers Close, immediately behind the proposed development, complaining that their garden will be overlooked by windows to the rear of the houses, and that their daylight will be restricted. There is also a serious problem with drainage at the property. This was confirmed by Mrs Todd who owns the adjacent house to the property. After discussion it was decided to support a development in principle but that three dwellings was too many. The committee object to the application as it stands on the grounds of density, lack of amenity area and circulating space and already existing drainage problems.

CO7/2051 Winesham Primary School, High Road, Swilland IP6 9EX.
Erection of single storey extension to provide kitchen and servery and additional office space – demolition of existing kitchen block.

Application supported with comment as to whether the servery area is large enough? -

CO7/2107 11 Burwash, Winesham,
Two storey side extension (existing bathroom to be demolished).

Application supported.

CO7/2048 Land north of Deben Cottage, High Road, Swilland.
Affordable Housing.

Following some discussion with Mr.Jepson and Mr.Kelway, the immediate neighbours to the proposed development, it was explained that Swilland does not have a village envelope and therefore any proposed development can only be regarded on an “exception” basis. The rules for “exception are tightly defined applying, for example, to agricultural worker’s dwellings and, in this case, affordable housing, where any proposed scheme has to

abut or be well-related to a village envelope, the latter being applied in this case. Mr.Rush suggested that they should put their objections to the development in writing to SCDC. Mention was made of drainage problems and it was agreed that we should suggest some form of rainwater harvesting to the properties and also a strong recommendation that the drainage problem be addressed before any development begins.

The planning committee are fully in support of the proposed scheme which the Parish Council have been working on for some considerable time. It was noted that the owners of the adjacent properties felt that they had not been kept fully informed about plans and this would be passed on to the SCDC Planning department by the clerk.

AOB. None.

Next meeting Monday 7th January at 7.15p.m.